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**Formal Complaint to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
Relating to an Elected Official or Candidate for Public Office**

Name of Official or Candidate: Mike Hope

Address of Official or Candidate: 8712 26th PI NE

Official's or Candidate's City State Zip Code: Everett, WA 98205

Official's or Candidate's Telephone: (425) 275-1114
(Include Area Code)

Official's or Candidate's E-Mail Address: hopems@comcast.net
(If known)

Your signature: Jackie Minchew

Your printed name: Jackie Minchew

Street address: 5607 S. 2nd Ave.

City, state and zip code: Everett, WA 98203

Telephone number: 425-238-8657

E-Mail Address: (Optional) JWMchew@aol.com

Date Signed: 08-19-08

Place Signed (City and County): Everett, Snohomish County, WA

**Certification for a
Complaint to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission Relating to an
Elected Official or Candidate for Public Office
(Notary Not Required)**

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the facts set forth in this attached complaint are true and correct.

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*RCW 9A.72.040 provides that: "(1) A person is guilty of false swearing if he makes a false statement, which he knows to be false, under an oath required or authorized by law. (2) False swearing is a misdemeanor."

Vicki Rippie, Executive Director
Public Disclosure Commission
P.O. Box 40908
Olympia, Washington 98504

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August 15, 2008

Dear Ms. Rippie,

I am writing to file a formal complaint against Mike Hope, a Republican candidate for the State House of Representatives in District 44.

Mr. Hope is employed as a police detective and has appeared in campaign photographs distributed through direct mail and his website and on television ads wearing what appears to be his official police uniform, including a badge.

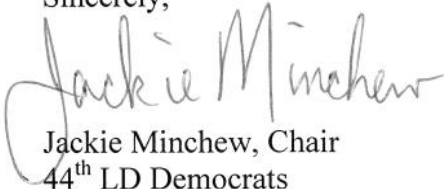
Enclosed please find a copy of direct mail, paid for by Mr. Hope's campaign, in which he appears in his uniform and wearing a badge. In addition, I have enclosed a screen capture of Mr. Hope's website, on which he appears in the same photo wearing a uniform and badge.

According to RCW 42.17.130, candidates or elected officials are not allowed to use "any of the facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of a campaign for election...".

I am concerned that by wearing his uniform and badge Mr. Hope is using his position as a police detective to assist his campaign for State Representative and he is using public resources to the benefit of his campaign.

I would appreciate an investigation into this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jackie Minchew, Chair
44th LD Democrats
425-238-8657